

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its 10th annual Fest for Life health event on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its tenth annual "Fest for
3 Life" health event on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

4 WHEREAS, the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center is Louisiana's leading cancer care
5 organization, caring for more patients each year than any other facility in the Baton Rouge
6 area; and

7 WHEREAS, with strategic hospital and physician partnerships, it is delivering on its
8 mission to improve survivorship and lessen the burden of cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and its partners work together to
10 provide state-of-the-art treatments and unparalleled collaborative, comprehensive cancer
11 services to attract the best cancer minds in the country, from expert physicians and highly
12 specialized scientists to forward-thinking leaders in supportive care and other disciplines;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the first Fest for Life health event was held in 2008 and since that time,
15 four thousand eight hundred people have been screened; and

16 WHEREAS, Louisiana has one of the highest mortality rates in the nation and one
17 in ninety-five adults will be diagnosed with cancer in 2017; and

18 WHEREAS, Louisiana's uninsured rate is twelve and one-half percent greater than

